

CLAIMS

1. A node selecting method in which a mobile node  
moving among a plurality of nodes substantially uniformly  
dispersedly arranged selects a candidate node for next  
5 communication, characterized in that the mobile node  
executes:

a first step of specifying nodes present within a  
communication zone of the mobile node;

10 a second step of counting the number of overlaps  
between a communication zone of the specified node and  
communication zones of the other specified nodes for each  
specified node; and

15 a third step of selecting, as the candidate node  
for communication, the specified node in which the largest  
number has been counted.

2. A node selecting method in which a mobile node  
moving among a plurality of nodes substantially uniformly  
20 dispersedly arranged selects a candidate node for next  
communication, characterized in that the mobile node  
executes:

a first step of specifying a neighbor node present  
within a communication zone of the mobile node;

25 a second step of specifying a neighbor node  
present within a communication zone of the neighbor node;

a third step of counting the number of

specifications in the first and second steps for each neighbor node; and

5           a fourth step of selecting, as the candidate node for communication, the neighbor node in which the number of the specifications in a predetermined order is large.

10           3. The node selecting method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the selection is not performed, if the specified node in which the largest number has been counted is the same as a node with which the mobile node is currently in communication.

15           4. The node selecting method according to claim 3, characterized in that when there are a plurality of specified nodes in which the largest number has been counted, an arbitrary one node is selected.

20           5. The node selecting method according to claim 1, characterized in that the mobile node executes the first to third steps at predetermined periods.

6. The node selecting method according to claim 2, characterized in that the mobile node executes the first to fourth steps at predetermined periods.

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7. The node selecting method according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the predetermined period is

changed in accordance with a movement speed of the mobile node.

8. The node selecting method according to claim 5  
5 or 6, characterized in that the predetermined period is  
changed in accordance with an arrangement density of the  
plurality of nodes.